
CHAPTER 4: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION APPROACH

The MITW Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the LRTP process was approved by the Community Development Committee on February 8, 2012 and the Tribal Legislature on March 1, 2012. The intent of the PPP is to put forth written procedures that are designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of the LRTP process.

GOALS

- Provide a range of opportunities and venues for the Menominee Indian Community to participate in the Tribe's Long-Range Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan Planning Process.
- Capture the Menominee Tribal community's values and perceived needs; establish consensus; and identify issues and concerns.
- Consult with planning partners to confer on needs of the larger community, to compare and coordinate planning approaches and generally to communicate about the mutual vision for the transportation and land use issues.
- To provide a general notification of meetings, particularly forums for public input, in a manner that is understandable to all.
- To hold meetings in locations which are accessible and reasonably welcoming to all.
- To provide avenues for two-way flow of information and input from those which are not likely to attend meetings.
- To use various illustrative visualization techniques to convey the information including but not limited to charts, graphs, photos, maps and the internet.
- Meet the standards set forth by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and MITW.
- Establish a framework for public participation as approved by the Menominee Tribal Legislature.
- Work with the Transportation/Land Use Task Force to create a Long-Range Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan that can be easily implemented to meet the goals and long term vision of the MITW.

METHODS

All meetings on the Long-Range Transportation Plan shall be open to the public. The MITW shall post a notice of all meetings. ECWRPC shall email a copy of all meeting notices to the MITW so that a notice can be posted on the MITW's Long-Range Transportation Plan webpage. Meeting agendas shall be posted by the MITW at the Tribal Offices, the College of Menominee Nation, in the Menominee Nation News and at bulletin boards located at South Branch, Neopit, Zoar and Middle Village.

News releases, during critical points in the planning process shall be provided to MITW for approval and posting. MITW will provide a copy of the news releases to all local media outlets to inform them of upcoming meetings/events. Press releases will be developed by ECWRPC and distributed by the MITW for inclusion in the Menominee Nation News and the Shawano

Leader at key points in the planning process as identified in the outline above. E-Newsletters will be developed and released at key points in the planning process.

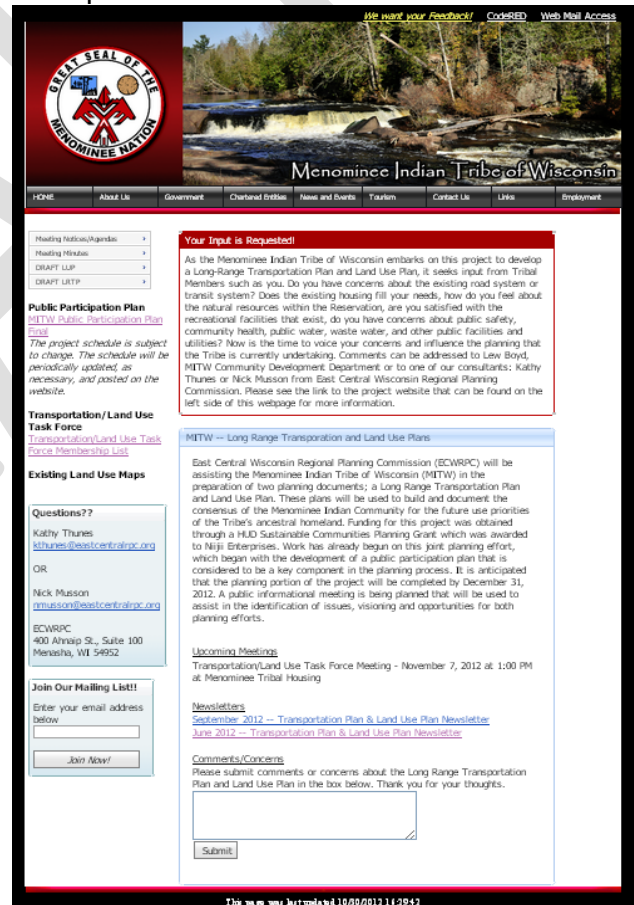
CONSULTATION

Public participation includes consultation or government-to-government communication in a timely manner by all parties about a proposed or contemplated decision in order to secure meaningful Tribal input and involvement in the decision-making process and advise the Tribe of the final decision and provide an explanation. The MITW consultation efforts will take place through the established Transportation/Land Use Task Force, which encompasses all of the necessary government to government relationships. The Transportation/Land Use Task Force participation list can be found in **Appendix A-1**.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EFFORTS

- A number of newsletters were developed to handout to the public to inform them of the planning efforts throughout the planning process (**Appendix A-2**).
- Public Notices and Press Releases were release before every meeting to notify the public. Articles were also written about the topic. (**Appendix A-3**).
- The Menominee Long-Range Transportation/Land Use Plan website (**Figure 4-1**) was developed to inform the public of the planning activities, but also a place to submit public comment.
- A Public Visioning Session was held for community input on Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Seven people registered on the sign-in-sheet. As part of this exercise, people were asked to list the Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats that the reservation faced. Responses received at this vision session along with comments from a Transportation/Land Use Task Force Vision Session will be used to identify the issues faced by the Menominee Reservation as well as provide information for Transportation and Land Use Plan vision statements.
- Public booths were set up in various locations to gather Tribal input on the LRTP. Public comment can be found in **Appendix A-4**.
 - Menominee Legislative Meetings in Zoar, South Branch and Middle Village.
 - The Elders Empowerment Summit – October 23, 2012
 - The College of Menominee Nation – November 28, 2012

Figure 4-1. Menominee Long-Range Transportation Website



- The Menominee Tribal Clinic – November 28, 2012
- The Annual General Council Conference – January 19, 2013
- ECWRPC staff conducted approximately five (5) public meetings with Transportation/Land Use Task Force.
- All meetings were recorded and summary of proceedings written. Summary of proceedings can be found in **Appendix A-5**.
- Long Range Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan questionnaire was administered at the Annual General Council Conference on January 19, 2013. Survey results and analysis are listed below.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND LAND USE PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire was available at the General Council Meeting on January 19, 2013 to gather input from meeting participants. Seven multiple choice questions were asked. This included two general information and five planning related questions. A total of 53 people took the time to answer the questions. Over a quarter of the respondents identified their age as 55-64; about 70 percent were between the ages of 35 and 64. The majority or about 77 percent were full-time residents on the Menominee Reservation. About half of the respondents were aware of the planning effort before seeing the display table at the General Council Meeting. Over 90 percent felt that Strategic Transportation and Land Use Planning are very important to the Tribe as it prepares for future challenges. People felt that Strategic Transportation Planning (92.3 percent) is slightly more important than Strategic Land Use Planning (90.2 percent). The single most important land use issue facing the Tribe was the "protection of natural resources". The importance of the other land use issues was relatively evenly split; historic preservation (22.6 percent), housing (24.5 percent), economic development (26.4 percent) and forestry practices (22.6 percent). The single most important transportation issue was the "expansion of the public transit service area". This was followed by the implementation of a fixed public transit schedule (37.7 percent), transportation safety (15.1 percent) and the expansion of pedestrian/bicycle opportunities (9.4 percent).

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

1. Please identify your age group:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 25	5.7%	3
25-34	11.3%	6
35-44	20.8%	11
45-54	20.8%	11
55-64	28.3%	15
65 and older	13.2%	7
<i>answered question</i>		53
<i>skipped question</i>		0

2. Please identify your place of residence:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Full-time Resident on the Menominee Reservation	77.4%	41
Part-time Resident on the Menominee Reservation	1.9%	1
Do not live on the Menominee Reservation	20.8%	11
answered question		53
skipped question		0

PLANNING PURPOSES**3. Are you aware of the two planning efforts (Long Range Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan) that the Tribe is undergoing before today?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	49.1%	26
No	35.8%	19
Unsure	9.4%	5
No Opinion	5.7%	3
answered question		53
skipped question		0

4. How important do you think Strategic Transportation Planning is to the Tribe as it prepares for the challenges of the future?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important	92.3%	48
Somewhat Important	7.7%	4
Not Important	0.0%	0
answered question		52
skipped question		1

5. How important do you think Strategic Land Use Planning is to the Tribe as it prepares for the challenges of the future?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important	90.2%	46
somewhat Important	9.8%	5
Not Important	0.0%	0
answered question		51
skipped question		2

6. What do you think is the single-most important land use issue facing the Tribe?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Historic Preservation	22.6%	12
Housing	24.5%	13
Protection of Natural Resources	54.7%	29
Economic Development	26.4%	14
Forestry Practices	22.6%	12
Other (please specify)		1

7. What do you think is the single-most important transportation use issue facing the Tribe?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Expansion of Public Transit Service Area	47.2%	25
Implementation of a Fixed Public Transit Schedule	37.7%	20
Transportation Safety	15.1%	8
Expansion of Pedestrian/Bicycle Opportunities	9.4%	5
Other (please specify)		0
<i>answered question</i>		53
<i>skipped question</i>		0